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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: John C. Cheronis, David Trollinger

Application No.: 09/595,720

Group No.: 1641

Filed: June 16, 2000

Examiner: Lum, Leon Y.

For: A Quantitative Assay of Low Abundance Molecules (as amended)

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated January 11, 2005.

STATUS

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE		
TOTAL	30	– 44	= 0	x \$ 25.00	= \$	0.00	
INDEP.	2	– 4	= 0	x \$ 100.00	= \$	0.00	
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+ \$ 0.00	= \$	0.00	
				TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	\$	0.00	

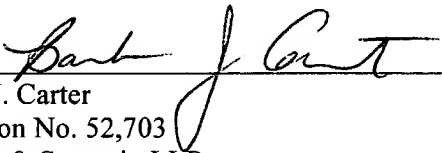
No additional fee for claims is required.

FEE DEFICIENCY

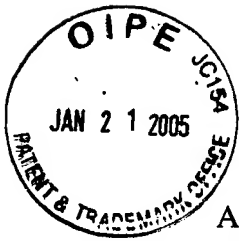
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Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this paper in response to the Notice on Non-Compliant Amendment of January 11, 2005, and request that the following amendments be entered.

Revised RESPONSE F

Applicants thank Supervisory Examiner Le, and Examiner Lum, for the non-final office action ("the Office Action") of June 21, 2004. Applicants hereby submit this communication to the Office Action, and ask that the following amendments be entered. Applicants believe that the amendments in Response E, submitted on November 24, 2003 were entered, but that the amendments to the claims that were to have been added by Examiner's Amendment by previous Examiner Cook were not entered. Therefore, the amendments discussed by telephone on March 24, 2004 are presented below, with markings.

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